

# 55,000 Eligible to Vote in Primary Tuesday

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# Council Orders Change In Civil Service Exams

## City Employes Get Preference For Promotions

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Councilmen last night voted 5-1 to give present city employes preference over outsiders when choosing civil service personnel.

The decision came after representatives of Torrance City Employes Association objected vigorously to the fact that a person from outside the city was given preference over two longtime city employes for an advanced accounting position within the city's Finance Department.

Finance Director William Dundore was reprimanded by the council for bypassing the two city employes, although councilmen expressed uncertainty over whether city regulations require him to choose a city employe over an outsider.

SPOKESMEN for the city employes stated that the two persons passed over actually had higher civil service scores than the person selected. Dundore countered by saying that the man chosen earned a better score on the civil service tests but was docked points because he had no seniority with the city.

Dundore added that the man has already been informed of his acceptance and has given notice to his present employer.

Mayor Albert Isen stated that the purpose of the city's general policy of hiring from within is to encourage those employes who have chosen to make a career with the city.

ONLY councilman voting against the concept was William J. Uerkwitz, who said he believes the best man should be appointed regardless of seniority. Councilman Jay (See EXAMS, Page A-2)

## Tickets for Dodger Night Are Available

Tickets for Monday night's "Torrance Night" at the Dodgers are still available at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce office and at the city's Recreation Department.

The \$2.50 reserved seat tickets are for seats in the terrace behind home plate, according to Bill Melville, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce committee handling the event.

Pregame ceremonies by Torrance officials, and the appearance of the award-winning Torrance Area Youth Band are scheduled.

## Trash Crews On Holiday Schedules

City rubbish crews will not work tomorrow in observance of Memorial Day, John R. Atkinson, sanitation superintendent, has announced.

Normal Thursday collections will be made Friday and normal Friday collections will be made Saturday this week.



DRIVING AWARDS... Three Torrance students won top awards Sunday in Riverside during the state finals of the Jaycees' Teenage Safe Driving Road-e-o. They are (from left) Eric Lillie, 18, of West High, second place in the boys' competition; Laura Koerting, 17, of Bishop Montgomery High School, a tie for second in the girls' competition; and John Hyland, 18, of Bishop Montgomery High School, first place in the boys' contest. Hyland, who will compete in national finals in Michigan this summer, and Miss Koerting were sponsored by the Manhattan Beach Jaycees. Lillie was sponsored by the Torrance Jaycees. (Press-Herald Photo)

# 17th Congressional Race Attracts Most Attention

Torrance voters will go to the polls next Tuesday to select party nominees for United States Senator, two Congressional seats, three state assembly posts, one senate seat, and several non-partisan officials.

Nearly 55,000 voters are eligible to cast ballots in the state's primary election here. Non-partisan offices in stake in the balloting include one South Bay Municipal Court judgeship, two county supervisors seats, and the Los Angeles District Attorney's job.

MAJOR LOCAL interest has centered around the contest for Republican and Democratic nominations for the 17th Congressional District Congressman Cecil R. King, a Democrat, is retiring after 13 terms in the House of Representatives.

Six Democrats and five Republicans have entered the races in a district which is heavily Democratic according to the latest registration figures.

Democrats include Glenn M. Anderson, former lieutenant governor of the state; Lynne A. Frantz, a Redondo Beach business executive; John S. Gibson Jr., Los Angeles City Councilman; David K. Hayward, Redondo Beach Councilman; Joe Pipersky, a Hawthorne business man; Dr. Walter R. Tucker, a dentist from Compton; and Albert A. Van Petten, a Carson engineer.

Republicans seeking the nomination include James E. Berry, of Lawndale; Joe Blatchford, a Torrance business administrator and found-

er of ACION, a self-help foundation; Morris A. Hooper Jr., a Lawndale councilman; Richard D. Howard, a deputy district attorney and resident of Torrance; and Ross A. Sclarrotta, a Torrance councilman.

Ben Dobbs of Los Angeles is seeking the Peace and Freedom Party nomination. He is not opposed.

The other Congressional race is in the 28th District, where Republican incumbent Al-

phonzo Bell is opposed by Carl M. Miciak, a real estate broker from Los Angeles. Democrats include John M. Pratt, an attorney, and Dennis F. Shanahan, a public relations executive.

IN THE 25th Senate District, Republican incumbent Robert S. Stevens is unopposed for his party's nomination. Two Democrats are con-

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## Torrance Area Man Slain

Forty-six-year-old Robert Davis, of 22022 S. Gulf St., was shot in the head and killed Tuesday evening while attending a meeting at the Plumbers and Steamfitters Union Hall in Santa Ana. Arrested by Santa Ana police was 39-year-old Leighton Aaron Stines of Garden Grove who is accused of firing the single shot which struck Davis in the head.

## Burglar Gets Clothing

A burglar took a stereo set and more than \$2,500 in men's clothing from the apartment of Donald Wood, 20530 Anza Ave., Apt. 242, Monday evening, Wood has told Torrance Police. Investigating officers said the burglar apparently entered the apartment through an unlocked patio door. Wood said 12 suits, 6 sport jackets, and 20 pairs of slacks were taken, along with the stereo set. He estimated the loss at more than \$3,000.

## Library Sets Opening

An open house has been scheduled Sunday afternoon from 1 to 3 to mark the re-opening of the North Torrance Library, located at Artesia Boulevard and Yukon Avenue. The library, closed Saturday, May 18, for a changeover from county to city operation, will be opened to the public Monday. Mrs. Claire Crain, chairman of the city's Library Commission, is in charge of Sunday's open house. The North Torrance Library is the third branch to be opened by the city. The Walteria Library will be closed June 8 and reopened June 24 under city operation.



SCHOLARSHIP WINNER... Robin Newcomer, an 18-year-old West High coed, has been named winner of the Press-Herald's annual scholarship award. Robin, shown here with Press-Herald City Editor Jerry Reynolds during a tour of the newspaper plant, plans to attend the University of Southern California. (Press-Herald Photo)

## PRESS-HERALD AWARD

# West High Coed Wins Scholarship

An 18-year-old West High coed, Robin Newcomer, has been named winner of the annual Press-Herald journalism scholarship. She competed with five other local high school seniors for the \$100 prize.

Robin says she'll use the money to defray expenses at the University of Southern California, where she has already won a \$1,800 tuition scholarship. The brown-eyed brunette will study journalism to prepare herself for a newspaper career.

With an A-minus scholastic average to her credit, Robin is a member of the National Honor Society and a life member of the California Scholarship Federation.

SHE WON a certificate in English from the Bank of America and was named out-

standing student journalist in her junior year at West High. Robin is currently a finalist for a Panhellenic scholarship.

Last summer, the future news reporter traveled to Catanzaro, Italy, with the American Field Service, living for six weeks with an Italian family. She is now president of the student exchange club on campus.

A Press-Herald teen columnist for the past two years, Robin is a page editor of the West High student paper "Smoke Signals."

Robin is also a member of the Chieftain Service Club and served as junior class treasurer. She played the violin for three years in the school orchestra, in addition to playing the bells with the band.

BORN IN Long Island, N.Y., Robin moved to Torrance

with her family at the age of 10. She is the daughter of Robert and Anne Newcomer, who also have two sons. The family lives at 5632 Michelle Drive.

The Newcomer family was honored this school year by being selected as the "foster family" for West High's current exchange student, Mary Luz Bueno of Peru. Robin says she loves to travel and hopes to visit Mary Luz in Peru someday.

Robin's special interests include reading and studying international problems. She speaks some Spanish, French, and Italian.



TO BE DELIVERED... City Treasurer Thomas Rupert (at left), who serves as chairman of the city's Sister City Committee, presents a resolution to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Delane for delivery to officials of Konya, Turkey, one of Torrance's two sister cities. At right is J. Walker Owens, general manager of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce. Mr. and Mrs. Delane will visit Konya later this summer, carrying official greetings from Torrance to the citizens and officials of Konya. (Press-Herald Photo)

# Nominees Sought For City Award

Nominations for the city's annual Distinguished Citizen Award, to be presented June 28 during the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce installation dinner, currently are being accepted at the Chamber offices.

The award is presented annually in memory of two deceased Torrance civic leaders, Dr. William I. Laughon and Grover C. Whyte, former publisher of The Torrance Herald.

Candidates for the award must live or work in Torrance. Nominees will be judged on two points: outstanding contributions the person has made to the citi-

zens of Torrance and contributions the person has made to the general welfare of the city.

Any individual, organization or association, educational institution, industrial or labor group, or professional or business group may nominate candidates for the award.

Entries must be submitted to the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce not later than Tuesday, June 4, for consideration by the judges.

Rules and nomination forms, as well as tickets to the annual banquet, may be obtained at the Chamber offices, 1510 Cravens Ave.